



Summer Meals Newsletter

MARCH 2015

SPRING IS HERE AND SUMMER IS NEAR IT IS TIME TO
KICK YOUR PLANNING INTO HIGH GEAR

What's New?

Upcoming Public Summer Meal Webinars

www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2015-summer-meals-webinars

Continue to share these dates with your sponsors and partners. FNS directs webinar participants to their State agency for further assistance, so tune in to see who we are sending your way.



View previously recorded FNS webinars here: www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2015-summer-meals-recorded-webinars

[Using Partnerships to Enhance Your Program](#)

- Tuesday, MAR 10th 2015 – 2:30pm - 3:30pm EST

[Transitioning from CACFP Afterschool Meals](#)

- Wednesday, MAR 25th 2015 3:00pm - 4:00pm EST

[Using Traditional and Social Media to Promote SFSP](#)

-Wednesday APR 8th 2015– 3:00pm-4:00pm EST

[Best Practices for Successful Kick Off Events](#)

-Wednesday APR 15th 2015– 3:00pm-4:00pm EST

Be Sure to Watch the First Issue of Volume 2 of "Summer S.H.O.R.T.S!" Click on the link below!

<http://media.education.ky.gov/video1/SCN/SummerShortsV2I1.mp4>

(Control + Click to Open Link)

SFSP KY Highlights!



-SFSP Application opening Day is March 16, 2015!

-SFSP Application Closing Day is May 16, 2015

-On-Line Trainings will be available by March 27, 2016 for all experienced sponsors. New sponsors may use the trainings as a supplement the live training they have already received!

Proactive Planning- What to do this Month

- Review sites and ensure you are aware of their locations, operational hours, staff, and dates for monitoring.
- Think about how meals will be delivered to the sites and how many will be served.
- Complete preoperational site visits.
- Ensure administrative staff is trained.
- Finish Application/Renewal forms and contract with your food service management company, if applicable.
- Check with your State agency to determine if there are any potential sites lacking sponsors or areas lacking sites and sponsors and consider extending service to those areas.
- Reach out to your local schools, and ask how they are willing to be engaged in Summer Meals this year.
- Begin Kick-Off Event planning with your local community and State agency.

Intergenerational Meal Sites

In summer 2014, community leaders in Jefferson County, West Virginia, identified the need for more SFSP sites. The Trinity MEAL program, a faith based community invested in reducing hunger in the county, identified senior lunch programs that were able to address the need for additional meal sites. These programs already served meals that met the SFSP meal pattern nutrition standards making it easier for them to take on the program in addition to feeding seniors. This collaboration increased the number of children receiving summer meals and brought excitement to participating seniors. Sponsors also planned intergenerational activities like reading, a dance, and community gardening.

Now is a great time to start intergenerational collaborations to ensure there are enough sites in your State to feed eligible children. For more information about the Program in West Virginia see: wvpublic.org/post/free-lunch-available-jefferson-county-children.

Look out for the [A Win-Win-Win for Children, Families and Seniors](#) webcast on intergenerational meal sites to be posted on the 2015 Summer Meals Webinar page.



Summer Food Rocks